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Compensation to Civilians for damage done to property during field firing practice.

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No. 22911 GT
H.Q. Southern Army,
C/o No.11 A.B.P.O.,
INDIA, 25-Jan '44.

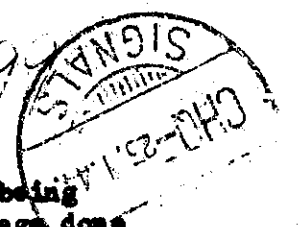
To :-

Chief Secretary to Govt. MADRAS PRESIDENCY.

Chief Secretary to Govt. MYSORE STATE.

Bangalore

Resident, MYSORE STATE.



Subject :- COMPENSATION TO CIVILIANS.

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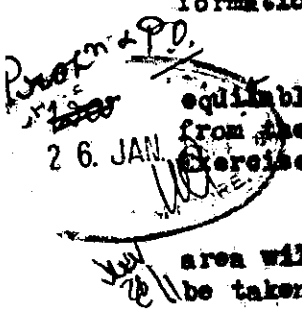

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Since the training in the SULTANS 'BTY - GUDALUR - GUNDALPET area will cease at the end of this month, it is requested that early action be taken in this matter.

A copy of the press notice is attached.

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Small claims have always been promptly settled. But delay has occurred in the submission of large claims until both troops and compensation officers have dispersed. Investigation has consequently been difficult and, owing to the initial delay, the Army has been unable to make compensation with its customary promptness.

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It is essential to the working of the compensation scheme that all inhabitants of areas in which projected training operations are to take place should acquaint themselves through the local authorities with the name and location of the Civil Officer appointed to liaise with the military compensation officer. Claims must be submitted immediately they arise, and before dispersion of troops.

In the case of field firing, where larger claims for the evacuation of land and villages are likely to arise, the probable cost of compensation and damage is assessed by the local military H.Q. in co-operation with the civil authority on the basis of so much per day, half day or hour BEFORE TRAINING BEGINS. Claims are settled monthly or at the end of the specific period in which training has taken place.

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WD 01547—GPB—40,000— 9-12-42

Routine Notes.

[To be used only for notes, requisitions, etc., not intended for permanent record.]

May this be transferred to War Section

27/1 Yes. Matters relating to field training and firing are 27/1 being dealt with there

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War Section

N.B.— Should routine notes be written on small slips, the notes must be copied, or slips pasted on this form.

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Compensation to Civilians for damage done to property during field firing Jandiala.

A Cy H.Q. Letter with a Press Notice will be sent to the C.R.Ds of Bldrs Mysore & Kolar for wide publicity. The Press Notice may perhaps be republished in the Mysore Gazette. Since the H.Q. request to issue a suitable Notice in the Weekly publication of other sorts with a Cy of the communication or information. It may also be published in the Mysore Information Bulletin. Subs for perusal Sirs.

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Submitted a draft letter to the R.C. Kolar and a draft Note to the Compiler

6. 1/2 Issues 1718-22/W & 1st Feb. 44 to the R.C. & Cl D.C.B. Con my dc Kolar Chikballa

Note 1723/W to the Compiler

This with Note sent to the P.O. for publishing the Note in Mysore Information Bulletin with reference to orders by

RS 2/2 P.O.

D.C. Bangalore Rural 2/2

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copy of the press note to be sent for publication in the Bulletin.

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7/2/44.

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Section War.

File No. 133-43.

Serial No. 6.

Diary No. of letter replied to. 1814/W

No. W1718-22 (Enc 2)

R.C + C.R

To D C Bdoa.
Mysore
Kolar
Chitaldrug.

Compensation to Civilians

General and Revenue Secretariat

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Date of issue.... 1.2.44.....

Signed by.... Mr. S. K. V. .....

Sir. I am directed to endorse herein for information & copy & letter from H.Q Letter & 25th Jan. 44 together with its enclosure on the above subject and to request you will be good enough to give wide publicity to the Press Notice.

I have &c

for Chief Secretary to Govt

List of enclosures.....

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Section War

File No. 133-43

Serial No. 4

Diary No. of letter replied to 1814/(W)

No. 1923 (Enc 2)

To Notification

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General and Revenue Secretariat

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The following Press Notices by the H.Q. Southern Army regarding any corresponding to Civilian is to published for general information.

Date of issue 1.2.44

Signed by.... M.S.K.V. .....

By order

V Chidambaram Govt

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GOVERNMENT OF HIS HIGHNESS THE MAHARAJA OF MYSORE.

General and Revenue Secretariat,

No. .....

Dated Bangalore, 1st February.....194

NOTIFICATION.

The following Press Notification issued by the H.Q. Southern Army regarding army compensation to Civilians is published for general information.

By Order,

For Chief Secretary to Govt.

To

The Compiler, Mysore Gazette, for publication.

MGK.

GOVERNMENT OF HIS HIGHNESS THE MAHARAJA OF MYSORE.

No. General and Revenue Secretariat,

Dated Bangalore, 1st February 44. 1943.

FROM

Chief
The Secretary to the Government of His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore.
Bangalore.

To

The R.C. & C.R.
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" Mysore, Kolar and Chitaldrug.

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